

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Minutes of the Disabilities Advisory Board

February 27, 2013

Community Conference Room, West Hollywood City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Larry Block, Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Louise Smith led the pledge of allegiance.

3. SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBER

Council Deputy Fran Solomon swore-in Louise Smith.

4. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Michael Arrigo, Larry Block, James Chud, Thomas De Lorenzo,
Suzanne Dietrich, and Rick Watts

ABSENT: Anny Semonco

STAFF PRESENT: David Giugni and Kim Patterson

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for February 27, 2013 was approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 23, 2013 meeting were approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Glen Charydczak, resident, spoke about the need for legal protection for the emotionally fragile.

Michael Wojtkielewicz, resident, raised issues with the service provider contract at the West Hollywood Comprehensive Service Center.

Shawn Kravich, Director of the HIV Law and Policy Project of the Disability Rights Legal Center, introduced their work in partially filling the gap left by HALSA.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. BROWN ACT AND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES TRAINING

Corey Schaffer, City Clerk, outlined the code of conduct, Robert's Rules of Order, and the Brown Act to update or introduce members to these procedures.

B. INNER CITY LAW CENTER

Brett Terrell discussed the services offered by the Inner City Law Center on Skid Row, including public benefits and landlord/tenant issues.

C. TAXI COUPON PROGRAM TRANSITION TO SWIPE CARD

Perri Sloane Goodman and Rob Winrader of the City staff described the taxi coupon conversion that they encouraged the DAB to recommend to make the program more accurate with the electronic recording, less confusing for drivers because it will be consistent with LA, lessen the chance for fraud, and save money and postage. Jeanne Dobrin, resident, raised concerns about riders having to use their own money to tip drivers. The DAB unanimously voted to recommend the transition to the swipe card method.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CITYLINE UPDATE

Perri Sloane Goodman updated the DAB on the March 1st launch of the now-free Cityline bus which will run more often and on a less-confusing route. She also announced that transportation to the polls will be available.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

David Giugni announced that the community study surveys that were sent out in blue envelopes to every fourth residence need to be returned by Friday. He also said that the last community focus group will be held at Plummer Park from 11 AM – 2:30 PM on Monday, March 11th, and the community meeting will be March 14 at Plummer Park from 6:30-8:30 PM.

He announced that at the March meeting Rodney Scott of Christopher Street West will address access issues. Lastly, he gave an outreach update.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. REMARKS BY BOARDMEMBERS

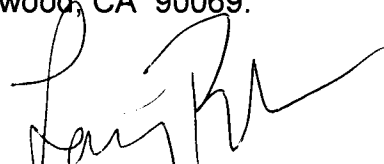
Vice Chair Jim Chud announced that he is now a contributing editor at Frontiers.

13. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT TO COUNCIL

Suzanne Dietrich volunteered.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm to its next meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.



DAB Chair – Larry Block